THE

CHARTER AND BY-LAWS

OF

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF

HARRISBURG.

HARRISBURG:

1860.

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THE CHARTER.

An Act to incorporate the Presbyterian Church of Harrisburg.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That a corporation is hereby created under the name, style and title of The Presbyterian Church of Harrisburg, with the right to use a common seal, to receive and hold by gift, grant or devise, an estate not exceeding the sum of six thousand dollars yearly, to sue and to be sued in any court of this Commonwealth, and to be governed by the following general provisions:

ARTICLE I.

The name, style and title of said corporation shall be The Presbyterian Church of Harrisburg, and be in connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, which met in New Orleans, on the sixth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and by the same name, style and title, it shall have perpetual succession, and be entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities, and be subject to all the provisions and limitations contained in the several acts of Assembly of this Commonwealth, in such cases made and provided: *Provided,* That all property taken and held by said corporation, under and by authority of the provisions of said acts, shall be taken or held and inure subject to the control of the lay members of said congregation,

or such officers thereof as shall be composed of a majority of lay members, citizens of Pennsylvania, having a controling power.

ARTICLE II.

The Board of Trustees of this congregation shall consist of seven members, to be elected from those who contribute to the support of the Church, as provided in Article IV, of this charter. Their term of office shall be three years, but any person not otherwise disqualified, may be re-elected. The annual election for Trustees shall be held on the first Tuesday in May, in each and every year; notice of which shall be given in the mode prescribed for calling congregational meetings in Article III. Seven Trustees shall be elected on the first Tuesday of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one; three to serve for one year, two for two years and two for three years. On each and every first Tuesday of May thereafter, two Trustees shall be elected, except that on the first Tuesday of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and the same day in every third year thereafter, three shall be elected. After the first Tuesday in May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, at least four members of the Board shall be members in full communion with the Church. If from any cause there shall be no election on the regular day in any year, this charter shall not thereby be forfeited, but the Trustees whose term would then have expired, shall hold office until their successors are elected, which shall be done within sixty days thereafter, at a congregational meeting called as provided in Article III. The board shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring in their number, by death, removal or otherwise, by electing persons qualified to serve for the unexpired term left vacant, due notice of such election having first been given to every member of the Board. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III.

The Board of Trustees shall have power to make such by-laws for their own government, as are not inconsistent with this charter, or with the Confession of Faith and form of Church Government of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. They shall

have power to elect a Treasurer of the congregation, who need not be a member of the Board. They shall not have power to expend in any one year more than three hundred dollars, without the consent of a majority of the legal voters of the congregation, who may be present at a congregational meeting regularly called. They shall call congregational meetings at their own discretion, or on the written request of any six persons entitled to vote at such meeting, which shall be done by giving notice of the time, place and object of the same, on the two Sabbaths immediately preceding the day fixed for said meeting, to the congregation, in their usual place of worship

ARTICLE IV.

All regular worshipers in this Church, who have held a pew, or part of a pew, for six months immediately preceding the date of any meeting, by the payment of an annual rent of not less than two dollars into the treasury of the Church, and shall not be six months in arrears, shall be entitled to vote for Trustees, Pastor and all other questions not affecting the purely ecclesiastical affairs of the Church; but all communicant members of the Church shall be entitled to vote for Elders or Deacons, or on purely ecclesiastical questions.

ARTICLE V.

The by-laws shall not be changed except by the concurrence of two-thirds of the regular voters present at a congregational meeting, called as provided for in Article III; and in order to carry this charter into effect, and to serve until their successors are elected, James M'Cormick, A. B. Warford, Charles C. Rawn, E. M. Pollock, A. Boyd Hamilton, Joseph Casey and J. Donald Cameron shall be, and they are hereby declared to be Trustees, to hold office until the first Tuesday in May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, with like privileges, powers and duties as if elected under this charter.

SECTION 2. That the Legislature reserve the right to repeal or revoke this charter, under the provisions of the Constitution.

APPROVED—February 1, 1859.

THE BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

The seal of this corporation shall have the following superscription, viz: "THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HARRISBURG."

ARTICLE II.

OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SECTION 1. The stated meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held quarter-yearly, on the last Saturday of the months of March, June, September and December, in each year; four members shall constitute a quorum to transact business—a less number may adjourn from time to time.

SECTION 2. Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time, at the written request of three members to the President, stating the object of the meeting, which shall be expressed in the notices issued by the Secretary.

SECTION 3. The ayes and noes may be called for by any member, and shall, in such case, be entered on the minutes.

SECTION 4. No salary shall be altered nor office created at any meeting of the Board, unless the same shall have been first proposed at a preceding meeting.

SECTION 5. At special meetings, after the minutes of the preceding meeting shall have been read, the Board shall immediately proceed to the consideration of the business for which it has been convened, and no other business shall be brought before the Board unless by consent of all the members present.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

SECTION 1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall also be Pew agent, to be chosen by the Board at a meeting to be held on the first Tuesday after the election of Trustees in each year.

SECTION 2. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board, and to preserve order; to appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Board, and upon the request in writing, of three members, it shall be his duty to call a special meeting of the Board. He shall sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer for the payment of moneys.

SECTION 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to take charge of all books and papers belonging to the Board of Trustees; to keep regular and faithful minutes of their proceedings; to notify them of the time and place of each meeting; to prepare and keep a roll of the members of the Board, which shall be called at every meeting, noting thereon the members present; to supply the chairman of each committee with a list of the members thereof. He shall have the care of the seal of the corporation, and shall affix it to such instruments as may be authorized by the Board of Trustees, and attest all orders on the Treasurer.

SECTION 4. The Treasurer shall give security, if required by the Board, receive and account for all moneys coming into his hands, belonging to this Church and Congregation, and shall have his accounts settled annually, and laid before the congregation at their annual meeting for the election of Trustees. He shall pay all orders when properly attested, and report to the Board semi-annually the state of the funds.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 5. *The Committee on Property* shall consist of three members, who shall have the oversight and superintendence of the House of worship, and its appurtenances, and employ suitable persons to keep the same in proper order.

SECTION 6. The Board of Trustees may, from time to time, ap-

point suitable persons to take up collections in the congregation, under their direction.

SECTION 7. *A Pew Committee* shall be appointed, to consist of two members of the Board, who, with the Treasurer as Chairman, shall attend to the sale and renting of the Pews.

ARTICLE IV.

OF THE SALE, TRANSFER AND RENTING OF PEWS.

SECTION 1. The price of purchase and rent of Pews shall be the same as adopted by the Board of Trustees on the 25th day of August, A. D. 1860, and entered upon the minutes of their proceedings.

SECTION 2. The Pew Committee shall have authority to sell or rent any of the Pews, or parts of Pews, in said Church, at the prices fixed by the Trustees as aforesaid.

SECTION 3. All money arising from the sale and rent of Pews shall be collected semi-annually by the Treasurer.

SECTION 4. Owners of Pews shall be *allowed a reduction*, on the annual rent thereof, of SIX PER CENT. on the valuation of the same.

SECTION 5. The terms of payment, for all Pews sold, shall be at the discretion of the Pew Committee, subject to such regulations as the Board may from time to time adopt.

SECTION 6. Purchasers of Pews shall be released from any liability for rent of such Pews, by giving at least thirty days' notice to the Pew Committee prior to the first day of April or October, in any year, of their intention not to occupy the same thereafter: *Provided*, That the Pew Committee shall have the right to rent the same after receipt of notice as aforesaid.

SECTION 7. Pews held by purchase shall be liable to forfeiture at any time after six months' Pew rent shall have accrued, and remain due and unpaid. Rented Pews shall be vacated at the discretion of the Pew Committee, when the rent upon the same is due and unpaid for the space of six months.

SECTION 8. The Pew Committee shall have the power to sell, at the valuation, any Pew occupied under rent, remaining unsold, to take effect from and after the first day of April or October next ensuing: *Provided*, That thirty days' previous notice shall be given

to the occupant, who shall have the preference and option to purchase or refuse the same at the said valuation.

Section 9. The corporation shall have the right, at any time, to resume any Pew sold, by re-paying, or tendering, to the purchaser or owner, the original price or valuation of any such Pew.

Section 10. Form of Certificate. The Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Harrisburg do hereby certify that ——— ——— is owner of Pew No. —— in said Church, at a valuation of $—— paid by ——— therefor, and to be held upon such conditions, and subject to such rules, regulations and by-laws as have been, or may hereafter be prescribed, and adopted by the said corporation.

L.S. In witness whereof the said corporation has hereunto affixed its common seal, this ——— day of ——— A. D. 18—.

——— ———, *President.*

——— ———, *Secretary.*

Section 11. Notice of every transfer of a Pew, shall be given to the Board of Trustees, within thirty days, in default whereof, the transfer shall be considered invalid; and no one shall be permitted to acquire a title to any Pew or sitting, either by sale, gift, will, in cases of intestacy, or by any other mode whatever, who shall not be approved by the Board of Trustees, with the exception of the parent or parents, husband, wife, children, brothers or sisters of the owner thereof. Nor shall any person, whether he hold by purchase or renting, be allowed to rent his Pew or sitting to any person, (excepting those in the relation aforesaid,) who shall not previously thereunto have been approved of by the Board of Trustees, and in no case shall a transfer be made until all arrearages of purchase money or rent due the corporation are paid.

Section 12. Whenever a change of ownership shall take place, consistent with the terms and provisions of these by-laws, an endorsement shall be made by the Secretary upon the certificate, and report the same to the Treasurer.

Section 13. Where more than one person shall have a right to a sitting in the same Pew, no particular part or portion of the Pew shall be considered as belonging exclusively to either of them, and in case of difficulty or dispute, the Pew Committee shall endeavor to

adjust and settle such difficulty or dispute; either party refusing to abide by a decision of the committee, then the committee may declare the sitting or sittings of the offending party as vacated.

SECTION 14. The Pew rents shall be due and payable semi-annually, on the first days of April and October, in each and every year.

ADOPTED—August 25, 1860.

Plan, Number, Rental and Valuation of the Pews in "The Presbyterian Church of Harrisburg."

ADOPTED AUGUST 25, 1860.

PULPIT.

4ft. 9in.			Pews 7 feet 6 inches long.					Pews 7 feet 6 inches long.					4ft. 9in.	
Valuation....	Rental.....	No. of Pew..	Rental.....	Valuation....	Valuation...	Rental.....	No. of Pew.	No. of Pew.	Rental.....	Valuation...	Valuation...	Rental.....	No. of Pew..	Rental.....	Valuation....
$20	$5	114	77	$16	$60	$60	$16	76	39	$16	$60	$60	$16	38	1	$5	$20
$25	$6	113	78	$25	$95	$95	$25	75	40	$25	$95	$95	$25	37	2	$6	$25
$25	$6	112	79	$30	$110	$130	$35	74	41	$35	$130	$110	$30	36	3	$7	$30
$30	$7	111	80	$34	$125	THE PASTOR'S PEW.		73	42	$40	$150	$125	$34	35	4	$8	$30
$30	$7	110	81	$45	$165	$185	$48	72	43	$48	$185	$165	$45	34	5	$9	$35
$35	$9	109	82	$45	$165	$200	$50	71	44	$50	$200	$165	$45	33	6	$9	$35
$35	$9	108	83	$45	$165	$200	$50	70	45	$50	$200	$165	$45	32	7	$9	$35
$35	$9	107	84	$45	$165	$200	$50	69	46	$50	$200	$165	$45	31	8	$9	$35
$35	$9	106	85	$45	$165	$200	$50	68	47	$50	$200	$165	$45	30	9	$9	$35
$30	$7	105	86	$45	$165	$200	$50	67	48	$50	$200	$165	$45	29	10	$7	$30
$30	$7	104	87	$45	$165	$200	$50	66	49	$50	$200	$165	$45	28	11	$7	$30

AISLE, 3 feet 9 inches wide.

AISLE, 4 feet wide.

AISLE, 3 feet 9 inches wide.

DOOR.

AISLE, 6 feet wide.

DOOR.

5ft. 9in.		6 feet.				7ft. 6in.		7ft. 6in.				6 feet.		5ft. 9in.		
No. of Pew..	Rental.....	Valuation..	Rental.....	No. of Pew..	No. of Pew..	Rental.....	Valuation..	Valuation..	Rental.....	No. of Pew..	No. of Pew..	Rental.....	Valuation..	Valuation..	Rental.....	No. of Pew..
103	$18	$70	$95	$25	88	65	$50	$200	$200	$50	50	27	$25	$95	$70	$18	12
102	$18	$70	$95	$25	89	64	$50	$200	$200	$50	51	26	$25	$95	$70	$18	13
101	$18	$70	$95	$25	90	63	$50	$200	$200	$50	52	25	$25	$95	$70	$18	14
100	$18	$70	$95	$25	91	62	$42	$160	$160	$42	53	24	$25	$95	$70	$18	15
99	$18	$70	$80	$22	92	61	$42	$160	$160	$42	54	23	$22	$80	$70	$18	16
98	$14	$50	$70	$19	93	60	$34	$125	$125	$34	55	22	$19	$70	$50	$14	17
97	$12	$45	$60	$16	94	59	$26	$100	$100	$26	56	21	$16	$60	$45	$12	18
96	$10	$40	$50	$14	95	58	$22	$80	$80	$22	57	20	$14	$50	$40	$10	19

AISLE, 2 feet 9 inches wide.

AISLE, 3 feet 6 inches wide.

AISLE, 3 feet 6 inches wide.

AISLE, 2 feet 9 inches wide.

PINE STREET.

HAMILTON, PRINTER.

EXPLANATION.

This plan, for the disposal of the Pews, has been adopted as the most eligible and least onerous, for the purpose of liquidating the debt of the Church.

Day of Sale, SATURDAY, September 8, at 2 o'eloek in the afternoon.

The following are the terms and conditions of sale:

I. TERMS OF SALE.

It shall be at the option of purehasers of Pews to pay the valuation at onee, or give to the corporation notes in equal sums, having respectively two and four months to mature. Notes for the amount of the valuation may *include any premium* bid for the ehoice of Pews. Upon payment of the notes, the eertifieate provided in Article IV, Seetion 10, of the By-Laws, will be given to the purchaser.

II. OF THE PUBLIC SALE OF PEWS.

The choiee of Pews shall be sold to the highest bidder so long as purehasers be found.

III. OF THE RENTING OF PEWS.

The choice of Pews remaining unsold shall then be offered for Rent to the highest bidder; any premium over the fixed rental to be paid within ten days after the sale.

Artiele IV, Seetion 4, of the By-Laws, is as follows: "*Owners of Pews shall be allowed "a reduction on the annual rent thereof, of six per cent. on the valuation of the same.*"